

FREE PRESS.

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WANTED.

A steady, intelligent boy or youth to learn the printing business. One having some previous knowledge of the business preferred. Apply at the FREE PRESS office.

President Garfield No More.

The President died at Long Branch on Monday night, as is stated in the dispatches, "of sheer exhaustion." His death was not anticipated by his physicians up to within a very few days before it occurred. On the contrary they one and all asserted that there was an amelioration in all his symptoms and that he was in a state of convalescence. Yet these men doubtless stand at the head of their profession in this country, and are probably not surpassed in the world. Could there be a more startling commentary on the fallibility of judgment of the medical fraternity?

On personal grounds, but mainly as a national calamity, the death of the president will create a most profound impression throughout the Union. If his successor were a good man, representing the people and possessing their confidence, the case would be very different. But such is far from being the fact. As the matter now stands, we have the pestilential faction headed by Conkling and Grant, upon whom the people have just placed the seal of their most emphatic condemnation, coming up through one of their tools, as the result of the deed of an assassin who proclaimed as his object just this result, into the highest places of power in the Nation. This is almost too much to bear, and we confess, we are alike too good a democrat, and too good a republican, to behold such a fraud and outrage upon the will of the people with any sort of equanimity.

But let us try and hope, even against hope, that the gravity of the situation will awaken in the hearts of our destined new administration a new sense of their responsibility, which may cause them to respect the rights and will of the people.

As to President Garfield, his fame is secure. As a patriot, statesman, scholar and Christian, and above all as having joined the "noble army of martyrs" to the cause of human liberty and progress, his name will be enshrined in the memory of mankind forever. His assassination and suffering have already gone farther than any former event towards cementing the restored Union in all sections of the land, so that even in his death he served his country well. Then let us not weep for him. In the beautiful and highly appropriate lines of Willis, written on a somewhat similar occasion—the death of President Harrison:—

The first mourner to-day
Is the Nation—whose father is taken away;
Wife, children and neighbor, may moan on his
knell—
He was "lover and friend" to his country as well!
For the stars on our banner, grown suddenly dim!
Let us weep, in our darkness—but weep not for him!
Not for him—who, departing, leaves millions in
tears!
Not for him—who has died full of honors and years!
Not for him—who ascended Fame's ladder so high
From the round at the top he has stepped to the
sky!

Testimonials of grief at the nation's loss are borne in the dispatches from all quarters.

The body of the President will be removed to Washington, where it will lie in state.

GEN. ANSTUR was immediately notified of the President's death, and was sworn in the next day.

The doctors say neuralgia of the heart was the immediate cause of the President's death.

Beautifiers.

Ladies, you cannot make fair skin, rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes with all the cosmetics of France or beautifiers of the world, while in poor health, and nothing will give you such good health, strength, buoyant spirits and beauty as Hop Bitters. A trial is certain proof. See another column.

Important to Texas Veterans.

Col. John M. Swisher, of Austin, himself a distinguished Texas veteran and a trustworthy and experienced business man, lately issued an appeal to his fellow veterans to locate their land certificates in a body, on a plan which he thinks would be greatly to their advantage. We give the outlines of the plan in Col. Swisher's own words as follows:

A company of capitalists are to furnish the necessary funds to locate the lands in a body, in a certain unorganized county, unexcelled in point of healthfulness, fertility of soil, and beauty of scenery by any county in the state, where towns may be laid out and the value of the lands greatly enhanced, the company bearing the expense of locating, surveying, perfecting titles etc., for one half the land. To each of those who need and require it, a loan of \$200 will be made, the company taking a transfer of the entire certificate as security, the veteran having the option of returning the loan, with 10 per cent interest, when the surveys are ready to be patented and receiving his 640 acres of land; or should he not desire to keep the land, or the scheme of thus locating prove unsuccessful, he will receive an additional \$50, when the transfer to the entire certificate will be absolute—thus obtaining for his certificate a sum not less than \$250, or 640 acres of land.

Col. Swisher's plan having met the approval of Gov. Pease, Hon. John Hancock and other noted veterans, he appealed to S. M. Swenson, the well-known banker of New York, to advance the necessary funds to carry it out, with the following result, which we copy from an exchange:

An Austin dispatch to the News of the 9th inst., says: "Col. John M. Swisher has a letter to-day from S. M. Swenson & Sons, of New York, stating that the arrangements he proposed had been accepted. They agree to locate in a body all the veteran land certificates granted by Texas for half the land, agreeing to advance to the veterans \$250 for each certificate, which is \$10 to \$20 above the market price. Should the location prove valuable in excess of the advance, the veterans to have the benefit by refunding the cash paid." The plan is a good one far as the veterans are concerned.

Col. Swisher is anxious to obtain the post-office address of all those holding certificates and to hear from each as to his plans and wishes in the premises.

The San Marcos FREE PRESS is greatly enlarged, and presents an appearance most creditable to the town it represents. It deserves the hearty support of the people of its section.—Austin Statesman.

We thank our cotemporary for its complimentary notice and favorable opinion.

To The Public.

We have just received 250 pieces of 1st class prints, a large line of Bleached and Brown Domestic of the best qualities and brands. Also, a few cases of Boots and Shoes, and a large lot to arrive in a few days. Three thousand dollars worth of Zeigler & Bro's shoes that are expected in a few days. The finest lot of Ladies' Gents' and Misses' Hosiery ever offered in San Marcos. A very fine assortment of Ladies' Neck Wear. Our stock of clothing cannot be surpassed in any market. A complete line of Linen Bosom Shirts, also of colored. We try to keep everything wanted in the country. We buy cotton and pay all quotations will permit. We will take Corn, Oats and wheat, Fodder or Hay, and very respectfully ask all to call and examine our stock and prices, and if we can't trade, we like to meet our people, anyhow, and talk with them. We delight in showing our goods. We have a car load of Caldwell Wagons. We think it the best wagon made—or as good as any. We are,

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P. R. TURNER & CO.

Thinkers will Read and Heed This

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Hon A. Alexander H. Stevens, John W. Beckwith, Bisho of Georgia; Gen. John B. Gordon United States Senator; Hon. John Gill Shorter, Rt. Rev. Bishop Pierce, J. Edgar Thomson, Hon. B. H. Hill, Hon. John C. Breckinridge, Prof. David Will's D. D., Hiram Warner, Chief Justice of Georgia; Lewis Wunder, Asst. P. M. Philadelphia, and many others—names of eminent and well-known individuals who certify from actual experience to the great success of the regulator in subduing diseases. No preparation offered the public is recommended as is Simon's Liver Regulator. Its virtues have received every form of endorsement that incredulity could demand. Be sure you obtain the genuine in White Wrapper, with the red Z and signature of J. H. Zeilin & Co. Sept. 8-1m.

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A WORD ABOUT GROCERIES.

I offer the trade such inducements in the Grocery line this season that purchasers will find it to their advantage to order a FULL LINE of Groceries from me, rather than go farther or scatter their orders. I can supply them with fresh, reliable goods at shorter notice than by ordering elsewhere, and cheaper too, if they will figure closely and correctly.

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PETER C. RAGSDALE,
May 19, 1881. tf.

JOS. LANDA,
WHOLESALE DEALER

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AND MANUFACTURER OF
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Corner of Houston and St. Mary's Streets.
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June 30, 1881. v10-n32-1f

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GET MY PRICES
Before selling elsewhere.

JOS. LANDA,
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
June 30, 1881. v10-n32-1f.

NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS.

It is ordered by the Court that plans, specifications, working plans and bills of quantities complete will be received to October 10th, 1881, by this court, and considered on said date, of a Court House to be erected in Hays county, to cost not exceeding twenty thousand dollars; and this court will pay the architect, whose plans and specifications aforesaid are adopted by the Court, the sum of one hundred and Fifty Dollars, and the second best Fifty Dollars.

Witness my hand, September 16th, 1881.
ED. R. KONE, Co. Judge, Hays Co.
Attest. ED. J. L. GREEN, C. C. H. C.

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July 14, 1881. v10-n34-1f

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